MAIL STOP PCT Attorney Docket: 27133U January 17, 2006 U.S. Department Of Commerce, Patent And Trademark Office Date: Transmittal Letter To The United States Designated/Elected U.S. Application No.: (if known) Not Bec Asia Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning A Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371 Priority Date Claimed: International Application No.: International Filing Date: 22 July 2004 (22.07.2004) 23 July 2003 (23.07.2003) EP PCT/EP2004/051578 Title of Invention: ALKALINE SALTS OF PROTON PUMP INHIBITORS Applicants for DO/EO/US: KOHL, Bernhard; MUELLER, Bernd Applicant hereby submits to the Unites States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: \underline{X} This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. \underline{X} This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)). The 3. submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.

X A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)): a. \underline{X} is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). has been communicated by the International Bureau. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US) A English translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2). X Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) are attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. ___ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. X have not been made and will not be made. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 8. \underline{X} An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). ITEMS 10 to 19 BELOW CONCERN OTHER DOCUMENT(S) OR INFORMATION INCLUDED: An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 11. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 12. X A FIRST preliminary amendment. 13. ____ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment 14. ___ A substitute specification. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter2 and 35 USC 1821 - 1825 A second copy of the published international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4) A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4) 19. \times Other items or information: TRANSMITTAL LETTER; APPLICATION DATA SHEET; INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION NUMBER: SEARCH REPORT); 2005/011692 A1, WITH PCT/ISA/210 (INTERNATIONAL INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION DATE: 10 FEBRUARY 2005 (10.02.2005), WHICH CONSISTS OF 19 PAGES: 1 PAGE FOR THE COVER SHEET, 16 PAGES OF TEXTUAL SPECIFICATION, 2 PAGES OF 12 CLAIMS, O SHEETS OF DRAWINGS; PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH APPENDICES A AND B TO BE EXAMINED; EXECUTED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY; PCT/ISA/237 (WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY); PCT/IB/304 (NOTIFICATION CONCERNING SUBMISSION OR TRANSMITTAL OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT); PCT/IB/308 (FIRST NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE COMMUNICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION); PCT/IB/332 (INFORMATION CONCERNING ELECTED OFFICES NOTIFIED OF THEIR ELECTION); PCT/RO/101 (PCT REQUEST); POSTCARD FOR EARLY NOTIFICATION OF THE SERIAL NUMBER REQUEST.

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MAIL STOP PCT Attorney Docket: 27133U Date: January 17, 2006 U.S. Application Number: International Application Number: (if known): Not Yet Assigned 10/564768 PCT/EP2004/051578 PTO USE ONLY CALCULATIONS The following fees are submitted: 21. Basic National Fee \$ 300.00 300.00 22. Examination Fee If International Preliminary Examination Report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy Provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)\$ 100.00 All other situations\$ 200.00 200.00 23. Search Fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2) has been paid on the International Application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority ... \$ 100.00 International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office\$ 400.00 400.00 All other situations Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding Sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$ 250.00 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT = 900.00 Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration 0.00 30 months from the earliest claimed later than 20 30 morpriority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)). RATE NUMBER: NUMBER: CLAIMS FILED EXTRA TOTAL 12-20= 0 x \$ 50.00 0.00 O 0.00 1-3= X \$ 200.00 INDEPENDENT 0.00 + \$360.00 Multiple dependent claims(s) (if applicable) TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = 900.00 Reduction by 2 for asserting small entity, if applicable. 0.00 (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). 900.00 Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 20 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). + 0.00 TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = 900.00 Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover 0.00 \$40.00 per property + sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = \$ 900.00 Amount to be: Ŝ refunded \$ charged

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Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

Application Data Sheet;

2) Transmittal Letter to U.S. Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning filing under 35 U.S.C. 371;

3) International Publication Number: WO 2005/011692 Al, with PCT/ISA/210 (International Search Report); International Publication Date: 10 February 2005 (10.02.2005), which consists of 19 pages:

1 page for the Cover Sheet,

- 16 pages of Textual Specification,
- 2 pages of 12 Claims,
- O sheets of Drawings;
- 4) Preliminary Amendment with Appendices A and B to be Examined;
- 5) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- PCT/ISA/237 (Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority);
- 7) PCT/IB/304 (Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document);
- 8) PCT/IB/308 (First Notice Informing the Applicant of the Communication of the International Application);
- 9) PCT/IB/332 (Information Concerning Elected Offices Notified of Their Election);

10) PCT/RO/101 (PCT Request);

- 11) Check No.: 519 in the Amount of \$ 900.00 for Basic Filing Fee, which includes the Search and Examination Fees, as a Large Entity;
- 12) Postcard for Early Notification of the Serial Number Request.

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